

ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

*Exchange of notes at Washington September 18, 1915, modifying treaty
of May 5, 1914*

Entered into force September 18, 1915

Expired January 1, 1916

Treaty Series 615½

The Secretary of State to the Italian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, September 18, 1915

No. 118

EXCELLENCY:

It not having been found feasible to complete the international commission provided for in the treaty of May 5, 1914,¹ between the United States and Italy, looking to the advancement of the general cause of peace, within the time specified in the treaty, which expires tomorrow, I have the honor to suggest for the consideration of your Government that the time within which the organization of the commission may be completed be extended by an exchange of notes from September 19, 1915, to January 1, 1916.

Your formal notification in writing, of the same date as this, that your Government receives the suggestion favorably, will be regarded on this Government's part as sufficient to give effect to the extension, and I shall be glad to receive your assurance that it will be so regarded by your Government also.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ROBERT LANSING

His Excellency

Count V. MACCHI DI CELLERE,
Ambassador of Italy.

¹ TS 615, *ante*, p. 126.

The Italian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

ROYAL EMBASSY OF ITALY

Washington, September 18, 1915

No. 3509

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

By note of today's date Your Excellency, in view of the fact that it had not been feasible to complete the Commission provided for in Article 2 of the Convention of May 5, 1914, between Italy and the United States, for the prevention of international conflicts, and that, on the other hand, the time set by the Convention for the appointment of the said Commission expires tomorrow, was pleased to propose through me to the King's Government that the time within which the Commission may be completed be extended by an exchange of notes from September 19, 1915, to January 1, 1916, Your Excellency added that my formal notification in writing, of the same date of today, that the said proposition is accepted by the Italian Government would be regarded on the part of the Government of the United States as sufficient to give effect to the extension.

I have the honor and hasten, for my part, to inform Your Excellency that my Government readily agrees to an extension of the time within which the above mentioned Commission may be appointed until January 1, 1916, and that it also regards the exchange of today's notes as sufficient to give effect to the extension.

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MACCHI DI CELLERE

To His Excellency

The Honorable ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State,
Washington.